

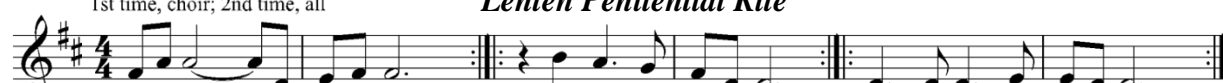
**Gathering Song:****Glory in the Cross**

BB#147

- 1 Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope.  
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole.  
There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend.  
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.
- 2 Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ, who surrendered glory and grace.  
To become a servant of the great and small, that all people may know God's face.  
Though his birth was divine, he knelt as a slave, to ash common dust from our feet.  
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.


1st time, choir; 2nd time, all

**Lenten Penitential Rite**




Ky ri-e, e - le - i - son. Chris - te, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son

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**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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**Gospel Acclamation:****Lenten Gospel Acclamation**

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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**Preparation of Gifts:****All That is Hidden**

BB#488

**Refrain:** All that is hidden will be made clear. All that is dark now will be revealed.  
What you have heard in the dark proclaim in the light;  
What you hear in whispers proclaim from the housetops.

**Mass:****Mass of Creation**

Holy: #868, Memorial Acclamation: #869, Amen: #870, Lamb of God: #871

**Communion Song:****Stand by Me**

BB#400

**Refrain:** Stand by me, stand by me. Lift me up from the restless sea.  
When I am lost, when love can't be found, when no one cares, Lord, stand by me.

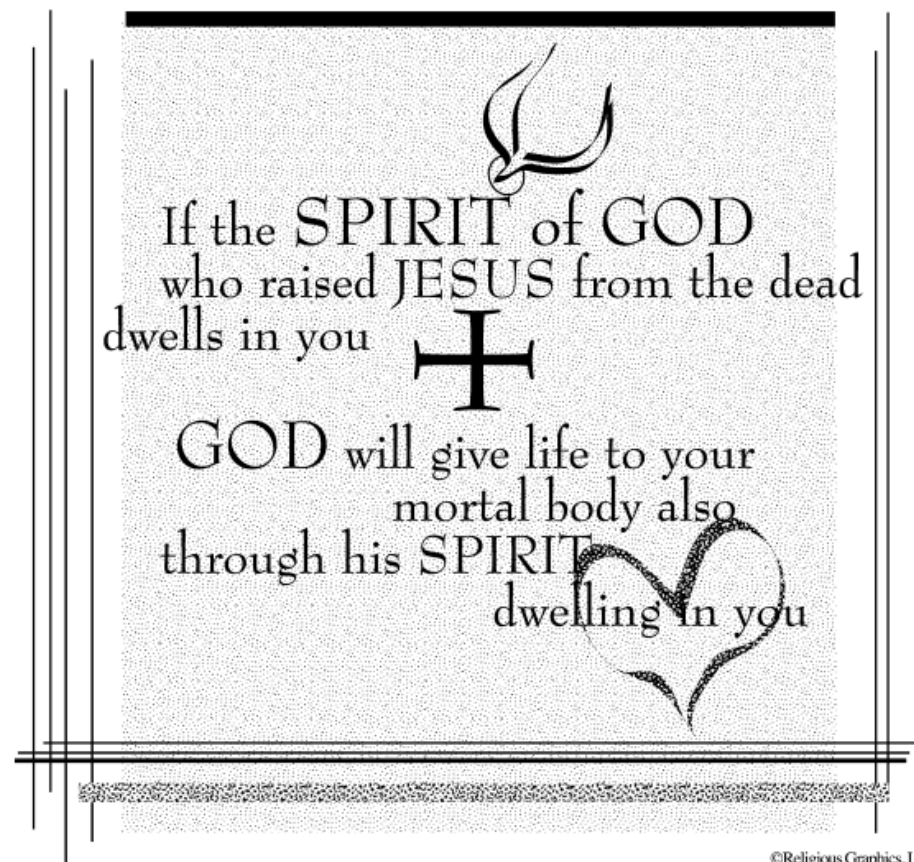
**Closing Song:****Take Up Your Cross**

BB#702

**Refrain:** Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross and follow me.  
Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross and follow me.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## April 6, 2025



If the SPIRIT of GOD  
who raised JESUS from the dead  
dwells in you

GOD will give life to your  
mortal body also  
through his SPIRIT  
dwelling in you

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Mass Times

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Spanish  
9:30 a.m. English  
11:30 a.m. Spanish

Confession: 4:30 p.m., Saturdays  
6:30 p.m., Wednesdays

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Weekday Mass:  
8:30 a.m. M, W – F (no Mass on Tuesday)  
7:00 p.m. – Wed. – Spanish Mass

Sacraments  
Baptisms and Weddings  
Call the office, (707) 996-8422



MASS INTENTIONS: April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>

Sat. 5 5:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Kelly †  
Sun. 6 9:30 a.m. Dolores Gater, Special intention  
Mon. 7 8:30 a.m. Rosalie Levesque †  
Tues. 8 NO MASS  
Wed. 9 8:30 a.m. Caroline & Ron Foster †  
Thurs. 10 8:30 a.m. Jerry Shafer †  
Fri. 11 8:30 a.m. All Souls, Special intention  
Sat. 12 5:00 p.m. Rich Facciola †  
Sun. 13 9:30 a.m. Vanessa Wardwell, happy bday

FISCAL LOG: March 29 / 30

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,720.

2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE  
130 Parishioners pledged: \$124,919.38 86%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 5/6 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – St Leo Development Fund  
April 12 FC Workshop  
April 15 Men’s Club Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6PM  
April 18 Collection – The Holy Land  
April 20 Easter Sunday  
April 22 1<sup>st</sup> Grief Support session, 10:30AM, FINN  
April 26 Bocce Opening Day  
April 26/27 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Home Mission  
May 3 First Communion Mass, 10AM  
May 7 Confirmation Mass, 6:30PM  
May 11 Mother’s Day

SANCTUARY LAMP  
Dedication for April  
Familia Herrera Luna



2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

The first weekend of the month is dedicated to the St. Leo’s Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection help pay for the upkeep of the parish compound buildings, and grounds.

SPARE CHANGE LENTEN FUNDRAISER: This year the funds will support the construction of a chapel at the orphanage served by the Missionaries of Faith. Currently, two classrooms are being used for Mass, limiting space for education. By relocating the chapel, these classrooms can be repurposed. Jars are available in the Ushers Room. If our jars are all gone, any receptacle will work. Thank you!

LILIES IN MEMORIAM: If you would like a lily in memory of a special person, please send your check of \$10. Payable to St Leo’s Ladies Guild along with the loved one’s name to: Michelle Levesque, St Leo’s Parish, PO Box 666, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:  
Friday mornings following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, English  
Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Spanish

LENTEN TREE OF PETITIONS: Cards on which to write your petitions are located near the entrance of the church. Once your petition or prayer is written, you may hang it on the tree where it will remain until Holy Saturday.



PLASTIC EASTER EGGS NEEDED FOR RE:  
Rosa, our Religious Education coordinator, is seeking donations of empty plastic eggs for the RE students. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the church in the designated receptacle.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:  
Visit [www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities) to see what positions are available in our parishes and schools.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – SESSION 2:  
Parishioner, Marie Hall, LCSW has graciously agreed to host another 8 session Grief Support Group beginning Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. in the Finnegan Center. Marie will be taking the names of anyone interested following this weekend’s Sat., 5pm and Sun., 9:30am Masses. If you would like more info. or to talk to Marie, please call her cell (925)759-0725.

MAD HATTERS NEED YOUR EXTRA YARN: Happy colored yarn. Please NO BABY yarn. If you have extra, please drop off in the Ushers room or the parish office.

Missed Opportunities

It’s during the cemetery scene in James Joyce’s classic novel *Ulysses*, amid all its memorial statues, that Leopold Bloom recalls the raising of Lazarus in John’s Gospel and there occurs to him an old Irish witticism: “Come forth, Lazarus! And he came fifth and lost the job.”

How many missed opportunities do we experience in our lives? “Opportunity knocks,” they say, offering us ever-new horizons to explore - but we are so often deaf to it. For instance, there was that Dutch girl (en route to Goucher College) whom I met by the railing of a Holland America transatlantic liner the evening before our arrival in New York. I was a seminarian returning from Rome, only 25 years old, and a vague thought of changing my vocation occurred to me – but I let the occasion pass. Sixty-two years later I still wonder whatever became of her. How many tales or stories tell of sudden detours that carry one into new dimensions – like the rabbit hole in *Alice in Wonderland* or the wardrobe in *The Chronicles of Narnia* - that open up into a world of often redeeming adventure?

As I mentioned, I did continue on as a seminarian to complete my theology training – but became restless. Maybe it was due to my native ignorance, but theology was dry as dust to me in the abstract, technical, unimaginative format in which it was taught. In retrospect I realize I was not challenged to think but to recite textbook formulae so that I looked forward to graduation when I could relate to people instead of books.

But then another opportunity opened up. I was sent on to study Scripture - in depth, not superficially like a fundamentalist but with all the tools available to human intelligence and an awakened imagination. Thence, in the study, contemplation, and fascination I experienced with biblical drama, images, themes, and inspiration I passed through an open door I’m so glad I didn’t miss – without which I feel I might still be adrift down an endless corridor of closed doors or opportunities that by comparison offered only a series of dead ends.

And so, Thomas, who missed that first Easter Sunday opportunity to see the risen Jesus, was fortunate enough to be present on the following Sunday when he had a second chance – and I like to think that he never had to prove Jesus was alive by touching his wounds. I like to think he felt, like I did after an in-depth immersion in biblical wisdom and drama, a sense of discovery that could only be expressed in the way my mother used to express a moment of profound surprise – with words akin to “Oh my God!” A theological expression loaded with awe!

How many Sunday opportunities to experience Christ raised from death and the deadliness of a meaningless world, Christ tangible in bread and wine and radiant with words like “Peace be with you!” – how many Sundays have you (like Thomas) missed that opportunity because of distraction or a lack of understanding of what the Eucharist is all about, or an inability to understand the Scripture readings? Not to worry, for like Thomas another chance of resurrection awaits you every Sun-Day, the first day of a new week, a new life if you can only in some way be present to the meaning, the permeation of it all. But of course, that means attendance, *attentive* attendance, a readiness to allow Christ to pass through whatever door you hide behind.

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Geoff Wood